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BMP/TGF $\beta$  SIGNALING PATHWAYS  
(As amended herein)

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**Response and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This Response is submitted in reply to the non-final Office Action dated October 6, 2004. A Petition for a Two (2) Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, with provisions for the required fee, which extends the response period from January 6, 2005 to March 7, 2005 (March 6, 2005 falls on a Sunday).

Please amend the above application without prejudice as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.